



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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June 14, 2006

Ms. Sarah Brown, Treasurer
Ohio Republican Party State Central
& Executive Committee
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Response Due Date:
July 17, 2006

Identification Number: C00162339

Reference: April Monthly Report (3/1/06 – 3/31/06)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) B, supporting Line 30(b) of your report to clarify the following description(s): "expense reimbursement-see memo's," "expense reimbursement-see memo entries" and "team leader card 72 hr staff." For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses \$127.18 for "internet access" in an apparent disbursement as a "memo" entry that does not appear to correspond with any itemized transaction(s). Please be advised, a memo entry is used to disclose additional information about an itemized transaction and the amount of a memo entry is not included in the total receipts or disbursements for the report. Please amend your report to provide clarifying information regarding these disbursements.

-Schedule B supporting Line 30(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) for "postage 72 hr office supplies-Gunnoe" which is categorized as Federal Election Activity and therefore, may require the disclosure of the candidate(s) this activity should be attributed to. Expenditures and disbursements for public communications that refer to a clearly identified

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candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24 and should be disclosed on Schedule B for Line 30(b) along with the identity of the candidate(s).

Further, please be advised that public communications that meet the definition of Federal Election Activity and that also contain express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, but do not meet the conditions of exempt activity, would constitute an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated party expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, as appropriate rather than on Schedule B for Line 30(b). Please clarify if this activity meets the definition of Federal Election Activity or if it contains express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "catering for victory event 3-11-06," "direction signs for victory event 2-23," "gen office supplies for victory event," "name badges for victory event 2-23-06," "print nametags for victory fundraising," "victory event expenses see memo entries," "victory fundraising event expenses 2-23" and "election incentive gifts" on Schedule(s) B. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

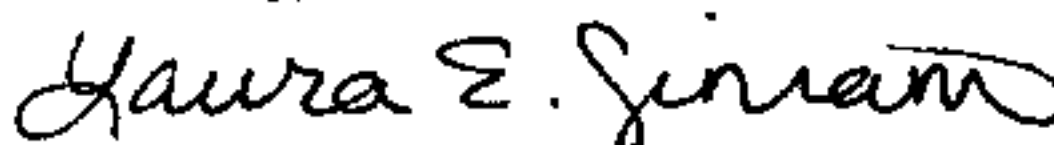
-Schedule B of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "framed pictures for hdqtrs donor." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, if the payment to the original vendor aggregates in \$200 or more in a calendar year, a memo entry including the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule B, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. If itemization is not necessary, you must indicate so in an amendment to this report. 11 CFR §300.36(b), and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for

extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,



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